

and others ; which was, on his motion, referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Halsey presented a bill to provide for the transfer of the bonds of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company, endorsed by the State ; which was read the first time, passed, and referred to the committee on Finance and State liabilities.

Mr. Carter presented a bill to authorize the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Hyde county to appoint Commissioners of Navigation for Hatteras Inlet ; which was read the first time and passed.

Mr. Wooten introduced the following resolution, viz.

Whereas the members of the Senate have heard, since the adjournment of the last session of the Legislature, that Robert Melvin, of the county of Bladen, who, for many years, ably represented the same, and afterwards the Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus, in the Legislature of North Carolina, has departed this life:

*Therefore be it resolved.* That in consideration of his sterling worth and his undeviating attachment to the interests of the State, the members of the Senate do deeply deplore the death of the said Robert Melvin.

*Be it further resolved.* That this preamble and resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate, and a copy of the same be transmitted by the Speaker of the Senate, to the family of the deceased.

Which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Speight presented the following resolution, viz.

*Resolved,* That the Public Treasurer be requested to report to the Senate a statement shewing the amount of money which has been paid by the State, for the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company, and the dates of the several payments ; also the amount of money paid by the State, for the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company, and the date of the several payments ; also the amount for which the State is now liable for each of said companies and in what sums, and at what periods the said liabilities severally fall due, according to the existing obligations.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the Senate took up the bill to in-